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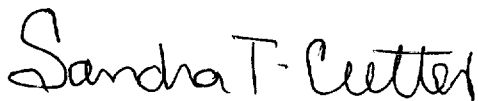
Dear Madam,

I writing to express my support for the petition filed by the Center For Science in the Public Interest to ban the use of medically useful antibiotics in animal feed. Indeed, I would go farther and say that all antibiotics and hormones should be banned from animal feed. There is no reason to do it except to increase profits for large corporations at the expense of the consumer, the environment, and the human gene pool. As a public agency who job it is to protect the rights and health of consumers, allowing these unnatural additives is an unconscionable violation of that function.

At the very minimum, medically useful antibiotics must be banned from animal feed. This practice threatens human life by producing resistant bacteria that cannot be treated with the antibiotics we have. It leaves doctors with no way to combat serious bacterial infections – a very frightening prospect. Again, this is why I heartily support the petition filed by CSPI and urge you to do the same.

Thank you for your attention to my opinions.

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